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Production of bordered dhoties and coloured sarees.

* 461 *Q.*—SRI P. RANGASWAMI REDDIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of mills, if any, in the State which have violated the rules prescribed for the production of bordered dhoties and coloured sarees; and

(*b*) whether any and what action was taken against those mills?

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" (*a*) Only the Vasantha Mills, Singanallur, exceeded the limit prescribed for the production of dhoties by 0·43 per cent in December 1952.

" (*b*) This fact was reported to the Textile Commissioner, Bombay, for taking such action as he considered necessary.'

SRI P. RANGASWAMI REDDIAR :—" May I know whether the Government are aware of any action taken subsequent to that? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" With regard to this mill, Sir, I am told that the Textile Commissioner has instructed the mills to adjust the little excess in their production for subsequent months."

SRI S. C. C. ANTHONY PILLAI :—" Have the Government made any appeals to the textile mill-owners of South India that they should not produce dhoties and sarees and if so, may I know whether that appeal has had any effect? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" Sir, this is an order of the Central Government so far as production is concerned. I do not think that an appeal by the State Government is in order."

Sea erosion at Cannanore Payyabbalam beach.

* 462 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there was any sea erosion at Cannanore Payyabbalam beach recently; and

(*b*) if so, the preventive measures taken by the Government on this account?

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" (*a*) No Sir.

" (*b*) Does not arise."

SRI P. K. GOPALAKRISHNAN :—" Sir, there was sea erosion on the coast of Malabar in several places last year and I find that not only in the sea-shore of Malabar, but in Travancore-Cochin also. There I find that the Central Government......"

MR. SPEAKER :—" Let us not discuss about that State. Let us confine ourselves to our State."

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Sri P. K. GOPALAKRISHNAN :—" I find that the Central Government have taken certain steps to prevent sea erosion on the coast of Travancore-Cochin on the recommendations of the Government of Travancore-Cochin. I would like to know whether this Government made any recommendations to the Government of India to see that sea erosion in Malabar is prevented."

The Hon. Raja Sri SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" This Government have not made any representations to the Government of India. The Government will consider the question, if any representation is necessary."

Sri K. P. GOPALAN :—" The Hon. Minister said that there was no sea erosion. In fact, there were sea erosions in Cannanore last year. I remember that even the Municipal Council has passed a resolution regarding this and also public organisations have passed resolutions requesting the Government to take steps for preventing this. May I request the Government to enquire into the matter and take necessary steps? "

The Hon. Raja Sri SHANMUGA REJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" Sir, the hon. Member's question reads, ' whether there was any sea erosion.........recently '. The Collector has reported that there was no erosion for the last three years. That is all the information I have."

Sri S. RAMALINGAM :—" Sir, மதராஸ் ஹார்பருக்குப் பக்கத்தில் சமுத்திரம் அரித்துக் கொண்டிருக்கிறதை சர்க்கார் அறிவார்களா ? அதைத் தடுக்க ஏதாவது நடவடிக்கை எடுப்பார்களா ? "

Mr. SPEAKER :—" The hon. Member is straying away from the main question."

Sri K. P. GOPALAN :—" The thing happened like this : We put our questions long before and in the meantime, the Assembly was prorogued and therefore, we had to continue our questions. That is why this thing has happened. Anyway, there was sea erosion last year and may I request the Hon. Minister to enquire into the matter now? "

The Hon. Raja Sri SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" I have no objection to enquire. But I am telling the House that for the past three years, there was no erosion and erosion happened three years ago. So, the question of lapsing and renewing of questions have no bearing on it and the hon. Member was not here three years ago."

Sri P. K. GOPALAKRISHNAN :—" The Hon. Minister was saying that there were no sea erosions for the last three years. But several Members have represented on the floor of this House about erosions last year, including the hon. Member, Dr. K. B. Menon. I find that the Government have not taken any steps. May I know whether they will enquire into the matter at least hereafter? "

The Hon. Raja Sri SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" I have given the information as reported by the Collector. I shall make further enquiry into the matter."

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SRI C. H. KANARAN :—" Is there any special reason why this Government did not represent the matter to the Government of India, when Travancore–Cochin had already represented the matter and some remedial measures are being taken? "

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" I have already stated that if there is necessity to represent to the Government of India, the question will be considered."

Permanent Wage Board.

* 463 *Q*.—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state whether the Government have any proposal to set up a permanent wage board in the State to fix fair wages to the workers with tripartite composition as per the recommendation of the Planning Commission? 3-30 p.m.

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" No proposal of the kind mentioned by the hon. Member is under consideration."

Closure of Mohanram Mills at Madurai.

* 464 *Q*.—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the management of the Mohanram Mills at Madurai gave notice to the Government about the closure of the Mill before such closure; and

(*b*) what steps the Government propose to take for the reopening of the Mills?

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" (*a*) Yes, Sir.

" (*b*) The question whether the Mill was closed for bona fide reasons is under examination."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" On what date did the management give notice to the Government, to the Labour Department and to the workers? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" The management gave notice of closure of the mills to the Government on 8th February 1954."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" May I know when the mill was closed? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" I have no information. A separate question may be put."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" I understand that the mill was closed on 8th February. The Hon. Minister says that they have received notice of closure of the mills on 8th February. May I request the Hon. Minister to clarify the position? Will he go into the matter and find out whether the management did give sufficient notice to the workers about the closure of the mills? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" Sir, the information of the hon. Member tallies with my information. I do not know where there is inconsistency."